

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (Currently Amended):** A gas bag module for a vehicle occupant restraint device, said gas bag module comprising:

a gas generator and a diffuser,

wherein said diffuser has a cup-shaped section which surrounds said gas generator, said cup-shaped section having a gas-permeable filter section acting as a particle filter for gas (G) flowing therethrough, said filter section consisting of a sintered porous material, said porous material being selected from the group consisting of sintered metal powders, sintered metal fibers and metal foams, and

wherein said cup-shaped section of said diffuser further has an upper side spaced apart from said gas generator and is a deformation element, so as to dissipate at least part of an impact energy of an impacting vehicle occupant by deformation of said diffuser.

**Claim 2 (Canceled)**

**Claim 3 (Original):** The gas bag module according to claim 1, wherein said filter section consists of sintered metal fibers with a porosity of 85-95%.

**Claim 4 (Original):** The gas bag module according to claim 1, wherein said cup-shaped section comprises a side wall and a cover, said side wall being formed from said sintered porous material.

**Claim 5 (Original):** The gas bag module according to claim 1, wherein that said cup-shaped section consists of said sintered porous material.

**Claim 6 (Canceled)**

**Claim 7 (Original):** The gas bag module according to claim 1, in which said gas generator is mounted so as to be able to oscillate.

**Claim 8 (Original):** The gas bag module according to claim 1, wherein that said cup-shaped section has a rim with a laterally projecting ring-shaped flange provided thereon, which likewise consists of said sintered porous material, at least one fastening element being embedded in said flange and being connected metallurgically with said sintered porous material.

**Claim 9 (Original):** The gas bag module according to claim 1, wherein said gas generator is realized without any filter within said gas generator.

**Claim 10 (Previously Presented):** The gas bag module according to claim 1, wherein said porous material is a metal foam.

**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY:**

Attached to the present amendment is a certified copy of an English translation of German patent application No. 202 19 284.9 filed December 12, 2002 with the German Patent and Trademark Office. Applicant respectfully requests priority of the attached German patent application in the present U.S. application.

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